

SAFETY ON THE LINE

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The five most dangerous words in the English language.

"Maybe it will go away".

- A sign on a Dermatologist wall

KSC Employee Safety Question & Answer



QUESTION: Given that there are a few drawbridges in the KSC area, what measures are taken to ensure that fire trucks, ambulances and other emergency vehicles are not delayed by drawbridge operations?

ANSWER:

KSC's JCCC (Joint Communication Control Center) dispatches all of KSC and CCAFS emergency services. The JCCC has speed dial icons on each computer screen to alert the bridge tenders to have the bridge in the down position for an emergency response on or off site.

(Contact Mike Stevens at 867-3795 for more information)

Are rugs or carpets laid flat and free from damage to prevent tripping?

(Area Safety Checklist #WS 03)



Can you check this?

More Information

Last month's article about the KSC Skin Cancer Protection Program generated numerous questions.

Here is more information on sunscreen usage from David Tipton, Chief, NASA Medical and Environmental Health Program Office.

" Proper SPF for sunscreen is a hotly debated topic. However, for sunscreen to be effective, it must be applied properly and it must be reapplied approximately every two hours (more frequently with copious sweating). Some studies have actually shown that people who wear higher SPF sunscreen have a relatively higher incidence of skin cancers. What was noted was that these people tend to stay out in the sun for longer periods of time because of the higher SPF factor, not realizing that after a couple of hours their protection is significantly diminished. That may be the reason that some health care specialists recommend SPF 15 sunscreen for people who are going to be in the sun recreationally. However, people who have to go out into the sun for work related reasons do not have the option to come in after a set period of time. Therefore, they should use a higher SPF sunscreen (such as 30) and be advised to reapply the sunscreen every two hours. "

- Call 867-6385 for general questions about the KSC Skin Cancer Protection Program.
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Do you have questions, comments, or an article you would like to submit? Contact Alan at 867-4611, fax number 867-3583, mail code EC-H3 or e-mail him at "Safety on the Line" found in your global address list. Safety on the Line is also on the Web. Go to the KSC home page, then click on KSC internal page, then find us under NASA/KSC news.